

PRESS RELEASE: Stormont Vail Events Center Announces Reopening Strategy & Plans

Spectra's "Together AGAIN!" Plan Outlines Operational Updates and New Policies to Safeguard Employees, Guests, and Performers

(TOPEKA, July 1, 2020) – Stormont Vail Events Center announced its all-inclusive reopening plan, which is a blueprint of best practices, policies, and procedures the venue has put in place prior to welcoming back crowds in July. The "Together AGAIN!" custom reopening strategy was created using industry standards and recommendations; directives from local, state, and federal governments; guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and health departments; and Spectra's leaders and subject matter experts.

Stormont Vail Events Center will officially reopen on Monday, July 6th. The first public events will occur in mid-July, including Ladies Day Out on July 18, Gun Show on July 18 and 19, and the Shawnee County Fair and Horse Show July 18- July 25.

Below is a summary of the key elements of the "Together AGAIN!" plan:

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Signage will be posted throughout the venue reminding patrons to socially distance by 6 feet and observe best hygiene practices
- Events will have predetermined attendance and participation limits, as well as limited area capacities
- All cue areas will be marked on the ground for patrons to stand 6 feet apart while in line
- Floor seating and chairs will be set based on social distancing guidelines.
- Attendees, vendors and participants at public events will not be allowed to congregate or gather, and must maintain 6 feet of space between each other at all times

CLEANING AND SANITIZATION

- Operations Department will conduct regular cleaning to supplement routine cleaning
- Hand sanitizer stations and hand pumps will be available throughout venue, especially in high-touch areas
- Frequent cleaning and sanitization in all high-touch areas and restrooms with COVID-19 approved products

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- All employees will be required to wear face masks
- Employees will be required to wear gloves for cleaning, handling, and serving food, and dealing with all first aid incidents. Gloves will be available for all employees
- Masks will be required for all persons attending an event expected to have 500 or more people in attendance (including staff and vendors). For events of less than 500 persons, masks will not be required by all attendees, but will be strongly encouraged.

*We will recognized all current state and local health recommendations during this process

TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS

- All persons entering a Spectra-managed venue, except persons who are there for the sole purpose of attending a ticketed or non-ticketed event, must “pass” a screening via a no-contact infrared thermometer. This includes, without limitation, Spectra’s employees, staff and crew of promoters or event-holders, and the staff of any contractors, construction crews or anyone performing services at Stormont Vail Events Center (e.g. employees of any cleaning or security company, construction managers, sub-contractors, etc).

TICKETING AND ENTRY

- Implementation of the Clear Bag Policy. Patrons will be permitted to bring in 1 clear bag per person, no larger than 12”W x 12”H x 6” D, in accordance with current Prohibited Items policy
- Efforts towards contactless ticket purchasing at the Box Office
- All ticket scanners will be required to wear a face mask and gloves

GENERAL

- Plexiglass installation at concession stands and administration office check-ins
- Efforts to maintain contactless parking

Kellen Seitz, Spectra’s General Manager for Stormont Vail Events Center, quote “I am thrilled to announce that we will be reopening our doors on Monday, July 6. Here at The Vail, we have implemented many changes to our policies and procedures, in order to ensure the safety of our patrons and our staff. From contact-less ticketing and no-touch thermometers, to social distancing and mask guidelines, we have adapted so that we can soon be enjoying live events together again!”